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CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

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**RESPONSE**

**to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006 (Paper No. / Mail Date 20060710), please consider the following remarks.

This document is filed by Applicants' representative on behalf of the present Applicants for patent. Accordingly, references in this document to "we," "us," "our," and the like will be understood as indicating the present Applicants.